

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Divorce etc. Statistics

1. Writs Issued and Orders Granted in 5 year periods ended 1920 to 1945 and annually 1944 to 1949.

Particulars	Averages for 5 years ended -					
	1920	1925	1930	1935	1940	1945
<u>WRITS</u>						
Divorce	64.4	98.6	152.2	235.6	311.4	616.2
Judicial Separation	1.2	2.0	1.8	0.4	-	1.4
Nullity of Marriage	-	0.8	1.8	0.6	.2	0.4
Total	65.6	101.4	155.8	236.6	311.4	618.0
<u>ORDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	37.8	77.6	126.8	189.0	258.2	504.8
Absolute	22.6	82.6	106.6	166.8	242.2	417.0
Judicial Separation	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.8	2.2	1.4
Nullity of Marriage	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.6	1.8	0.4
<u>RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS</u>						
Petitions	0.2	0.4	-	-	-	0.8
Decrees	-	-	-	-	-	0.8
	Years					
	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
<u>WRITS</u>						
Divorce	702	870	846	732	742	784
Judicial Separation	2	2	1	-	1	2
Nullity of Marriage	2	-	12	2	3	4
Total	706	872	859	734	746	790
<u>ORDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	598	689	709	655	601	675
Absolute	497	604	651	685	628	586
Judicial Separation	2	2	1	3	2	-
Nullity of Marriage	-	-	5	5	2	2
<u>RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS</u>						
Petitions	-	2	1	3	1	-
Decrees	-	2	-	1	1	-

2. Grounds on which Divorces etc. granted

Grounds	1948			1949		
	Petitions by -			Petitions by -		
	Husband	Wife	Total	Husband	Wife	Total
<u>DIVORCES ABSOLUTE</u>						
Adultery	478 178	145	323	123	128	251
Desertion	140	121	261	133	135	268
Habitual Cruelty	-	29	29	3	47	50
Insanity	5	1	6	6	1	7
Drunkenness	-	4	4	2	5	7
Failure to Maintain	-	4	4	-	2	2
Supposed Dead	-	1	1	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	323	305	628	267	319	586
<u>NULLITY OF MARRIAGE</u>						
Impotence	1	-	1	-	1	1
Bigamy	1	-	1	-	1	1

3. Divorces Absolute - Numbers according to Duration of Marriage and Issue

Duration of Marriage Years	I S S U E										Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	91	
1948											
0 - 4	61	37	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102
5 - 9	93	77	29	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	207
10 - 14	31	40	22	9	6	1	-	-	-	1	110
15 - 19	26	25	18	8	1	2	1	1	1	-	83
20 - 24	27	13	7	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	57
25 - 29	30	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
30 - 34	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
35 - 39	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
40 - 44	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	298	199	82	31	10	4	1	1	1	1	628
1949											
0 - 4	55	18	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	78
5 - 9	106	79	15	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	207
10 - 14	29	31	24	12	1	1	-	-	-	-	98
15 - 19	17	23	19	7	1	2	1	-	-	-	70
20 - 24	33	17	14	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	67
25 - 29	32	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
30 - 34	17	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
35 - 39	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
40 - 44	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	298	173	79	27	5	3	1	-	-	-	586

4. - Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Ages at time of Divorce.

Age of Wife	Age of Husband							Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & over	
1948								
Under 25	24	2	-	-	-	-	-	26
25 - 29	49	54	10	1	1	-	-	115
30 - 34	6	61	44	13	-	1	-	125
35 - 39	-	24	56	49	8	1	1	139
40 - 44	1	4	12	36	31	5	2	91
45 - 49	-	-	2	11	15	17	5	50
50 & over	-	-	-	4	7	29	42	82
Total	80	145	124	114	62	53	50	628
1949								
Under 25	18	3	1	-	-	-	-	22
25 - 29	30	59	10	3	-	-	-	102
30 - 34	10	43	41	11	3	1	-	109
35 - 39	-	14	47	37	6	-	-	104
40 - 44	-	2	13	33	25	5	1	79
45 - 49	-	3	2	19	24	17	6	71
50 & over	-	-	3	7	10	24	55	99
Total	58	124	117	110	68	47	62	586